SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-5366-17 (AS)

RAUL ESTRADA HERNANDEZ and MODESTA ALVEREZ,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

AW CHESTERTON CO., et al

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on <u>December 19, 2017</u>:

| FIRM               | ATTORNEY         | CLIENT  |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| Simmons Hanly      | Laurence Nassif  | Plaintiff(s)                                  |
|                    | Jim Kramer       |   |
| Gibbons PC         | Stephen Finley   | Kerr Corp.                                    |
| Leader & Berkon    | Christine Bucca  | IMO Ind.                                      |
| Maron Marvel       | Lina Carreras    | Industrial Holdings                           |
| Marshall Dennehey  | Paul Johnson     | Riley Power                                   |
| McCarter & English | Chris Rojao      | Hercules                                      |
| McElroy Deutsch    | Charles Banjamin | Sprinkmann Sons                               |
| McGivney Kluger    | Caitlin Bodtmann | Raritan Supply                                |
| McGowan Law Office | John McGowan     | Sears   |
| Pascarella DiVita  | Joshua Greeley   | Crane Co.; Trane US Inc.                      |
| Tanenbaum Keale    | Maryam Meseha    | Borg Warner; Foster Wheeler; CBS/Westinghouse |

IT IS on this 4th day of January, 2018, effective from the conference date;

#### ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

## **DISCOVERY**

February 5, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories.

February 26, 2018 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

March 9, 2018 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

| April 13, 2018 | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
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| March 9, 2018  | Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
| April 13, 2018 | Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.   |
| July 16, 2018  | Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not completed. |

Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

September 17, 2018

September 28, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

## **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

November 2, 2018 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

November 30, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

## MEDICAL DEFENSE

February 5, 2018

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| February 5, 2018   | Plaintiff shall serve a diagnostic medical report and any medical records in plaintiff's possession by this date.  |
| December 31, 2018  | Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.   |
| February 22, 2019  | Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date. In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date. |

Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations (along with answers to interrogatories)

## LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS

| December 31, 2018 | Plaintiff shall identify its flability experts and serve flability expert reports or a certified expert |
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|                   | statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.                  |
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February 22, 2019 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

#### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

March 22, 2019 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall

be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

# PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

To be scheduled Settlement conference.

April 22, 2019 Trial Date.

Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

/s/ Ana C. Viscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort